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SIR:

In response to the Official Action of September 23, 2003 having a shortened period for response expiring December 23, 2003. The commissioner is hereby requested to extend the period for response by ONE month to January 23, 2004.

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[X] Accompanying this amendment is the appropriate fee of \$110.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

- [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fee of \$ pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the pendency of this application, including any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, and any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, including presentation of extra claims, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 06-0502.

Please amend the above-entitled application as follows: